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Serial No.: 09/315,918  
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LIGAMENT FIXATION/  
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Washington, D.C. 20231

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Applicant hereby petitions for a three (3) month extension of time to respond to the outstanding Official Action mailed October 6, 2000 with respect to the above-identified patent application, thereby extending the time for response from January 6, 2001 to April 6, 2001.

A check in the amount of \$445.00 is enclosed to cover the cost of the petition fee. This petition fee has been calculated on the basis of Small Entity status.

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